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SLB AWARDS SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships have been granted to twenty pre-professional librarians who will attend workshops at Columbia College this summer. The awards are a part of the State Library Board's continuing program of in-service training for staff members of public libraries in the state.

Eleven persons are enrolled in a special reference workshop arranged by SLB for selected staff members from libraries which participated in the Reference Project during the past year. The course will be taught by Mrs. Von Etta Salley from July 6-17. Workshop participants are:

- Mrs. Carrie Abbott, Oconee County Library, Walhalla, S. C.
- Mrs. Anne Bailey, Spartanburg County Library, Spartanburg, S. C.
- Mrs. Vernon L. Beach, Colleton County Library, Walterboro, S. C.
- Mrs. Emma Bishop, Beaufort County Library, Beaufort, S. C.
- Mrs. Curtis Bobo, Anderson County Library, Anderson, S. C.
- Mrs. Ruth K. Chiles, Lexington County Library, R. H. Smith Branch, West Columbia, S. C.
- Mrs. Margaret H. Hitchman, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, Aiken, S. C.
- Miss Judy Ann McDaniel, Chester County Free Library, Chester, S. C.
- Miss Linda Schofield, Laurens County Library, Laurens, S. C.
- Mrs. Mildred Steele, Greenville County Library, Greenville, S. C.
- Mrs. Donna T. Todd, Horry County Library, Conway, S. C.

Eight others are registered for one of the regular library science workshops offered by the college. During the first summer session,

June 8-26, Mrs. Maurine H. Lackey, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, Aiken, S. C.; Mrs. E. O. McMahan, Jr., Dorchester County Library, St. George, S. C.; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Moore, Aiken County Library, Aiken, S. C.; and Mrs. Boyd P. Smith, Lexington County Library, Batesburg, S. C., took courses on library administration or children's literature. Attending courses on book selection or youth literature during the second session, July 6-24, will be Mrs. J. W. Callaham, Jennie Erwin Branch, Anderson County Library, Honea Path, S. C.; Mrs. Grace B. Marshburn, Barnwell County Library, Barnwell, S. C.; Mrs. Martha M. Myers, Marlborough County Library, Bennettsville, S. C.; and Mrs. Marjorie Turbeville, Horry County Library, Conway, S. C.

LSCA PROGRAM FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

The State Library Board has submitted two plans to the Commissioner of Education for the use of funds coming to the state under the Library Services and Construction Act to extend and improve public library service and to improve the housing for this service. Since the objective of the State Plan remains the correction of the major deficiencies in public library services in the state, the plan for the use of funds under Title I: Services will be only slightly different from the plans of previous years but is expanded to include urban areas.

A major part of the state level program will continue to be the Reference and Inter-library Loan Service. This service will be improved through the acquisition of additional reference materials and through the employment of an assistant reference librarian. The major addition to the state level program will be provision for the supervision of the construction program under Title II of the LSCA. The State Library Board plans to employ on a retainer basis a library building consultant of recognized standing to serve the State Library Board and local libraries during the construction program. A library consultant of recognized standing and with wide experience in extension work will be employed also on a retainer basis to serve as a referee to review applications for construction grants which have not been approved.

The Personnel Project including the Intern Program and the Scholarship Program will be continued at the same level. The grant program for attendance at workshops and institutes will be expanded to include professional visits to outstanding examples of successful library programs. For the first time these grants will be available to trustees as well as to professional librarians. These grants will enable librarians and trustees from county and regional libraries to attend workshops and institutes on library problems when by so doing the quality of local service can be improved.

A completely new program designed to help county and regional library boards employ and retain qualified professional librarians will be undertaken through a salary supplement program. For the first year of this program a flat grant of \$1,000 per graduate librarian employed on a full time basis and not still under the contract provisions of the Scholarship Program will be made to county and regional libraries agreeing to develop within the year a personnel classification and pay plan. In subsequent years the salary supplement program will be tied to the new public library standards for South Carolina public libraries.

The County Library Project designed to improve public library service in counties where more than one public library is maintained at public expense will be continued. This project is designed to encourage the consolidation of independent public library agencies into a strong one-unit system serving the entire county. Under this program grants will vary according to the size of the population area served. County library demonstration projects have been successfully completed in Greenville and Anderson counties and will be completed in Beaufort County by the middle of the year. A new project was initiated in Florence on the 1st of July.

The Regional Library Project will be continued on the same basis. This project is designed to improve public library service through the formation of regional libraries with a population basis of approximately 100,000. The Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library was the result of this project. This system was expanded to include an additional county, Bamberg, on the 1st of July.

Projects designed to improve the book collections of county and regional libraries will be continued. The BCIP Projects of previous years will be extended to libraries which are now able to meet the requirements for participation. The major book project for the year is designed to eliminate worn-out and out-of-date material from the book collections used to serve children and young people. Grants will be based on 4¢ per capita and will be used to replace or rebind books worn out in service.

Continuing the project to improve reference service at the local level, a Periodical Project will be conducted this year. In the initial year of this project participating libraries will receive grants for the purchase of periodicals, the binding of certain periodicals of proven reference value or the securing of microfilm editions of these periodicals, and certain supplies incident to the expansion of a periodical collection. After the initial year the grants will be reduced and will be designed to cover only the subscription price for those periodicals subscribed to under the initial project. Grants will be based upon the population served by the participating library.

The Library Interpretation Program incorporating publicity and public relations projects to inform the public of the services of the public library will be continued. The major publication this year will be two brochures aimed at teachers, school administrators, and students, defining the limits of service which the public library can be expected to provide to in-school personnel and urging cooperation in planning for the best use of this service. The Carnival of Books Program will be scheduled to cover the entire listening area of the state. Publicity and news releases will be prepared to support each of the projects being conducted under the LSCA program.

The Carolina Materials Project which was initiated several years ago will be expanded by the addition of twenty-five more titles to the original list. These titles will either be secured on the regular market or will be brought back into print through the Xerox method. The collections will then be distributed to those libraries receiving the initial collection and continuing to allow all residents of their Congressional District to use the material.

Three pilot projects will be conducted in libraries of different sizes designed to test methods of protecting the library's book collection from vandalism and theft. The object of this project will be to determine if a method can be devised which will properly protect the library from loss of books and materials.

TITLE II: CONSTRUCTION

The object of the State Plan for construction will be to remedy deficiencies in library housing in so far as possible and to spread the construction projects over the entire area of the state by making a tentative allocation of funds to each Congressional District based upon the population of that district.

Any library participating in a project under Title II: Construction must be legally established and meet the requirements for State Aid and for participation in the grant program from federal funds administered by the State Library Board. Each application for a grant must be supported by a projection made by the local librarian and board of plans for the improvement and extension of service which will be made possible through the new construction.

Among the standards which applicants for construction grants must meet are the following:

- (1) A state-registered architect must prepare the building plans.
- (2) For buildings costing in excess of \$200,000, a library building consultant of recognized standing must be employed either by the library or by the architect.
- (3) The plan of the building must be developed upon a written statement of the building program developed by the library, the board, and/or consultant or architect.
- (4) The site must be owned by the applicant and must meet recognized standards of location as outlined in accepted library publications.
- (5) Applicant must furnish proof of the availability of local funds.
- (6) The preliminary drawings must be submitted for review by the State Library Board and the library building consultant employed by the State Library Board.
- (7) The building constructed must meet recognized square footage requirements based upon population to be served.

A complete list of the requirements will be furnished upon request.

At this writing no funds have been appropriated to implement the Library Services and Construction Act, but Congress has made a provision for funds to come into the state for the operation of the general program until the new appropriation is made.

DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER LIBRARY AWARDS

The State Library Board has been notified that application forms and instructions for the 1965 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Library Awards will be received within a few days. These awards now include one \$5,000 Main Award and nine National awards of \$1,000 each.

All libraries interested in applying for the awards should request application forms from the State Library Board.

LIBRARY EQUIPMENT INSTITUTE

A two-day preconference institute on library equipment, sponsored by the Library Administration Division, ALA, was held in St. Louis on June 26-27. Miss Norma Lightsey of the State Library Board attended.

Attention was directed, through speakers and panel discussions, toward the problems in five major areas of library equipment. The use of such equipment and furnishings in all types of libraries was discussed.

The opening session began with a discussion of "Informal Furnishings for the Library" by Walter Netsch, senior partner, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. This was followed by a panel discussion on "Design and Construction of Informal Furniture." Members of the panel were Vincent Cafiero, Knoll Associates, Inc.; James Lucas, Herman Miller, Inc.; Jens Risom, Jens Risom Design, Inc.; and Martin Van Buren, Martin Van Buren, Inc.

"Lighting the Library" was the next area with H. Richard Blackwell, Director, Institute for Research in Vision, Ohio State University, leading a discussion on "Standards for Illumination." Brock Arms, President, Interior Space Design Division, Perkins and Will, spoke on "Designs for Lighting."

C. Walter Stone, Director, Center for Library and Educational Media Studies, Graduate Library School, University of Pittsburgh, led a discussion on "Listening Facilities in the Library." A panel, composed of Stephen Ford, Librarian, Grand Valley State College, Allendale, Michigan; Philip Lewis, Director, Bureau of Research, Development and Special Projects, Board of Education, Chicago; and Wendell Simons, Asst. University Librarian, University of California, Santa Cruz, followed him.

Dr. Keyes Metcalf, Librarian emeritus, Harvard University, spoke on "Mechanical Distribution of Books and People in Libraries."

The last session covered the area of "Flooring Materials for Libraries." Presenting two sides of the story were Joe Garrett, Merchandising Director, American Carpet Institute, who spoke on "The Use of Carpeting in Libraries," and George F. Johnston from the Armstrong Cork Company, who discussed the merits of "Resilient Tile Floors." Members of the panel which followed were Charles Dalrymple, Librarian, Lincoln Nebraska Public Library; Homer Fletcher, Librarian, Arcadia California Public Library; Alfred Rawlinson, Librarian, University of South Carolina; and Joan Shinew, Librarian, Colorado College, Colorado Springs.

Presiding over various sessions of the institute were William Geller, Librarian, Los Angeles California County Public Library; Frazer Poole, Librarian, Chicago Undergraduate Division, University of Illinois; Howard Rose, Librarian, San Bernardino California Public Library; and Frank Gibson, Librarian, Omaha Nebraska Public Library.

Receptions and tours of the new library buildings at Washington University and St. Louis University were included in the institute.

S. C. LIBRARIANS AND TRUSTEES AT ALA CONFERENCE

Dr. George M. Grimbball, Miss Jean Galloway, William A. Bolen, and Willard Wade, trustees of the Greenville County Library, and Charles Stow, Librarian, attended the preconference workshop sponsored by the American Library Trustee Association.

George Linder, Librarian, and Frances Reid, Extension Librarian, Spartanburg County Library; Charles E. Stevenson, Reference Librarian, Greenville County Library; and Josephine Crouch, Director, Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, were among the public librarians at the conference.

Evelyn R. Cuthbert, Librarian, Lincoln High School, and Branch Librarian of Sumter Carnegie Library, was a member of a panel on work with young adults at the ALA.

Estellene P. Walker, Director, and Norma L. Lightsey, Field Service Librarian, represented the State Library Board. Miss Lightsey attended the preconference workshop on equipment.

ARE YOUR BORROWERS REGISTERED?

Some South Carolina public libraries have been operating with no system of registration for borrowers. In the interest of providing an accurate record of library users, a check on delinquent borrowers and an aid to new employees who are not acquainted with all library patrons, these libraries are urged to adopt a registration system.

Each library has received a description of a permanent registration system for consideration. This system is based on one evolved by Glenn Mallison for the Herkimer (N. Y.) Free Library and described by him in the Library Journal, v. 84, No. 22.

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Librarian, reports that the Florence Public Library adopted a version of this system in 1963 and recommends it.

FROM THE TRUSTEE DEPARTMENT

J. M. Wingo, assistant principal, Hanna High School, was recently elected chairman of the Anderson County Library Board. Mr. Wingo was the chairman of the board when Anderson became a demonstration county library under the program of the State Library Board. He succeeds Mrs. Oliver Norwood who resigned as did Arthur Klugh, Jr. New members of the board are C. B. Nichols and Harold Sullivan.

Dr. George M. Grimbball has been elected chairman of the Greenville County Library Board. He succeeds T. M. Verdin.

Miss Marie Harvey is the new chairman of the Berkeley County Library Board succeeding Mrs. M. M. Murray.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMENDED

The Florence Public Library, which became a part of the unified Florence County Library system on July 1, is to be congratulated for its development of services to children, which is appreciated in the community as indicated by the following letter to the editor and the editorial comment thereon:

Letter to the Editor

CHILDREN AND SUMMER READING

To the editor:

On a recent rainy morning, I dropped my two, plus one young friend, off at the door of that delightful den for children recently developed in the basement of the Florence Public Library. They went joyfully down to visit their fast friend, the children's librarian, and to return, browse through, and borrow more books to enjoy on their drippy day in June. I don't generally relish a wait in the rain on a warm day, but on this occasion it was a rare treat to observe and appreciate the pleasure of the youngsters who came in. There were the two groups returning to the station wagons parked just ahead of me. Their arms were loaded with books and their faces with smiles.

Then there came a lone fellow dressed in a rain coat and cap, riding his bike. At first no books were visible, but as he parked his bike, removed his cap and coat, it was evident where he had placed his borrowed books. There beneath his buttoned shirt was their visible outline.

Almost in succession, the cars came and went as my wait continued. Then I spied my three wards, their faces beaming and their hands full. They could hardly talk fast enough to tell of the books they had looked through or selected and to report on the progress of summer reading.

The efforts made by our librarians and workers are greatly appreciated, not just by the children but also by their parents.

Mrs. Kitty S. Tanner

-----Florence Morning News, Wednesday, July 1, 1964.

LIBRARY SERVICE TO YOUNG READERS

That was an interesting letter to the editor in yesterday's Florence Morning News about the activities of the children's section of the Florence Public Library. Its significance was that the library is offering this program, a recent addition to library service, and that some parents, at least, are encouraging their children to make use of it.

Teaching children to read and appreciate good books is sadly neglected by too many parents. We don't want to grow a generation of bookworms, but if we

grow a generation without appreciation for books and minus the habit of reading, we lay the foundation for mediocre people and mediocre achievement.

And besides, with the current explosion of knowledge, the non-readers are in for a dull future.

-----Florence Morning News, Thursday, July 2, 1964

THE FUSTEST (WITH THE MOSTEST?)

The arrival of Spartanburg's completed and signed State Aid Agreement on June 16, 1964, makes this the first to be received. The State Library Board thanks George R. Linder, Librarian, for his promptness.

HARTSVILLE LIBRARY'S OPEN HOUSE

The Hartsville Memorial Library celebrated its move to the modernized former post office by an Open House from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. on June 11, 1964.

Members of the Library Commission, the Library Board, and Friends of the Library greeted visitors, and hostesses were on duty to show them around.

One display featured memorial books with information about this means of honoring deceased persons.

Mrs. Dallas McKown is librarian of the Hartsville Township Memorial Library, and T. Russell Foster is chairman of the board.

SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

Louise Marcum, who has been awarded a State Library Board scholarship and who is being sponsored by the Oconee County Library Board, is beginning her library training at the first summer session at Louisiana State University Library School.

DONATIONS

The Richland County Public Library has added the first 35 volumes on sales and marketing made possible by a \$500 grant by the Columbia Sales and Marketing Executives Club. Additional books will be purchased.

Dr. John Steven Shaw, professor of marketing at the University of South Carolina, recommended the titles to be purchased.

Mrs. Hagood Bostick, Librarian, said that books on these subjects are in great demand, and the grant makes a substantial contribution toward meeting this demand.

The Aiken County Library of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library and the Newberry Headquarters of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library have each received copies of "Sources of American Liberties," a collection of documents of American history, in connection with Law Day 1964 ceremonies.

Attorney Arthur D. Rich presented the book to Mrs. Edgar Moore, Aiken County Librarian, and Attorney Thomas Pope made the presentation to Mrs. Lurlyne K. Shinn, Acting Librarian, Newberry-Saluda Regional Library.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| October 16-17, 1964 | Forty-third annual meeting, S. C. Library Association, Francis Marion Hotel, Charleston, S. C. |
| October 28-31, 1964 | Twenty-first biennial conference, Southeastern Library Association, Golden Triangle Motor Inn, Norfolk, Virginia |
| November 1-7, 1964 | Children's Book Week |

FREE LEAFLETS FROM ALA

Church Libraries

A guide to organizing and operating church libraries has been prepared by the American Library Association, and single copies are available free.

"Church Libraries: A Guide to their Administration and Organization," a seven-page publication, was prepared as an aid to the non-professional as well as professional groups interested in developing a church library.

For copies of this guide, write the Library Administration Division, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. Multiple copies are available at the following rates: 50 copies, \$2.50; 100 copies, \$5.00.

Put Your Library in this Picture

Effective use of television and radio by libraries is the subject of "Put Your Library in this Picture," the latest in a series of public relations leaflets published by the American Library Association.

Compiled and produced by the Leaflets Committee of the Public Relations Section of the Library Administration Division of ALA, the leaflet describes how libraries can go about obtaining time on radio and television, and what to do about it once they have acquired it.

Single copies are available free. Quantity prices are: 25 copies, \$.75; 50 copies, \$1.25; 100 copies, \$2.25.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

If there is one thing this library is proud of, it is its collection of books for children and young people and the special services given this group over the years. A high percentage of all money spent on books has gone into this collection which is heavily used by all the children in our county. During National Library Week we smugly undertook to have the children vote on their favorite books. Imagine our embarrassment when three substandard series won the vote by a landslide! We had not even realized that these books were available in the community outside of our lone book store. When we investigated to find where the children were getting these books, we were amazed to find that they were borrowed from their elementary school libraries. Further investigation revealed that these elementary school libraries were being organized by parents' groups in the community. Apparently any book which was in a usable condition was accepted for these libraries, and no other standard than its physical condition was applied. We had always considered the schools as the Rock of Gibraltar as far as standards for children were concerned and parents' organizations as the pace setters in good things for children. What are we to do in this situation?

Disillusioned

Dear Disillusioned:

One thing you can tie to—the parents' organizations, etc. mean well. Standards of selection for children's books may be unknown to many parents who fall back for guidance on the books they had as children. In your shoes, I would get touch with the State School Library Supervisor and ask for her help in solving the problem. She will be even more concerned than you are! Maybe your library can work with the AAUW or other groups to organize a study group on children's literature. One more suggestion—keep in touch with the schools in your community and know what is going on library-wise. The groups organizing the elementary school libraries would probably have welcomed your suggestions when the project was undertaken. A word of warning—be tactful. Remember, the ladies probably have no idea that there should be standards of selection. The first move should come from the School Library Supervisor who has authority to enforce standards. Be ready to help the ladies, but tread gently!

Anne

CONDOLENCES

To Mrs. J. R. Mellette whose mother died June 15. Mrs. Mellette is librarian of the Florence County Circulating Library.

CAROLINIANA

Moore, Caroline T. Abstract of Wills of the State of South Carolina, 1740-1760, compiled and edited by Caroline T. Moore. Limited edition. \$15.00 pre-publication. Order from Abstracts of S. C. Wills, 307 Stono Drive, Charleston, S. C. 29407. (Delivery date late in 1964.) Limited number still available of Abstract of Wills of the State of South Carolina, 1670-1740. \$25.00 (15% discount to libraries).

Simms, William Gilmore. The Yemassee; a Romance of Carolina, ed. for the modern reader by J. V. Ridgely. Twayne, 1964. \$5.00 (Twayne U. S. Classics Series). First hard-cover edition since 1937.

Treacy, M. F. Prelude to York Town: The Southern Campaign of Nathanael Green, 1780-1781. Univ. of N. C. Press. \$6.00. Excellent for all interested in S. C. history of the Revolutionary period.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES DEDUCTIONS

The Revenue Act of 1964 allows 30 per cent deduction to those who make gifts to the Library of Congress, other federal libraries, federal museums, public libraries, community symphonies, etc., rather than the 20 per cent deduction previously in effect. In addition, charitable contributions made under the provisions of this section of the law in excess of the 30 per cent maximum deduction may be deducted by a process of proration during the five years succeeding the donation.

TALKING BOOKS

A new edition of Talking Books, provided by the Library of Congress, 1962-63, has been mailed to all registered users of talking book service in North and South Carolina. This catalog lists the talking books now available to these readers through the Regional Library for the Blind. A limited number of these catalogs will be available for distribution to public libraries on a first come first served basis. Requests should be in writing to the Regional Library for the Blind, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, North Carolina.

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